



'Yes!'
YES





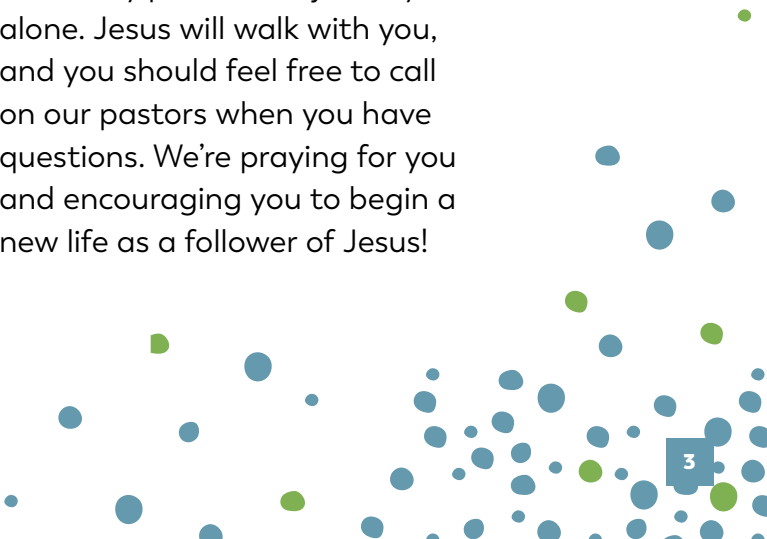
Saying *'Yes!'* to Jesus

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would like to have
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Saying 'YES!' to Jesus will change your life forever, and God welcomes us to ask questions and discover for ourselves His plan to bring us back into relationship with Him through His Son. Trusting Him to lead and direct your life is the most important decision you will ever make!

We've created this booklet because we know you probably have a lot of questions; we hope this will answer many of them and give you a few resources to help you learn and grow on your own. It's exciting to start a relationship with Jesus, and we want you to know you won't be on any part of the journey alone. Jesus will walk with you, and you should feel free to call on our pastors when you have questions. We're praying for you and encouraging you to begin a new life as a follower of Jesus!



Why should I say *'yes!'* to Jesus?

Ever heard someone say after a mistake "I'm only human?" Being prone to mistakes where we miss the mark and do wrong things, or fail to do good things for God or others, is called sin. The consequences of our sin is separation from a perfect God. There is no way our good works or good intentions can bridge that gap.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standards.

Romans 3:23

But Jesus can!

His death on the cross carried the punishment for all our sin.

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

When we choose to acknowledge our sin, ask Jesus to forgive us, and choose to follow Him, we are be made new and enter into a relationship with God.

But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9

By saying 'YES!' to Jesus, we are admitting that we need His sacrifice and death to be saved from the final consequences of our sin. Sin destroys relationships. Because of our sin, our relationship with God has been broken. When we say 'YES!' to Jesus, He reconnects us to God. Because of Jesus, this relationship can never be broken again!

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23



JESUS

YOU

GOD

SIN

If you haven't
asked Jesus
to forgive
all of your
sins & to
take control
of your life,
you can do
that right
now through
prayer...



Prayer is simply *Talking* to God.

**Here is a simple prayer you can pray if
you want to say 'YES!' to Jesus:**

“Dear God, I admit that I have sinned. Thank you for loving me anyway. I believe You love me so much You sent Jesus to die in my place, on the cross, to pay for all of my sins. I believe Jesus also rose from the grave and that He is alive today. I turn to You and away from my way of doing things. Please come into my life. Thank You for saving me and giving me a life with You. Amen.”

If you prayed and said, 'YES!' to Jesus, mark your choice with your name and the date right here:

NAME

DATE

What *just* happened?

If you said 'YES!' to Jesus, then God has forgiven you! You are now His child and can begin a new life today, as well as in eternity.

1. When we say 'YES!' to Jesus, the Bible tells us that God gives us eternal life. This new and eternal life is only accessed through His son Jesus Christ...

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **Ephesians 2:8-9**

2. We are friends with God and have a wonderful new relationship with Him - all because of His grace and what Jesus has done for us.

So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. **Romans 5:11**

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **2 Corinthians 5:17**

In other words *Jesus* has come into your life...

And this is the secret; Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing His glory.

Colossians 1:27b

And you have *eternal life*

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to My message and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

John 5:24

Congratulations!

He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of His grace made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Titus 3:5-7

**We're so
excited you
have decided
to follow Jesus!
Welcome to
God's family!**

You can say your 'YES!' to Jesus today! — **Pastor Tom Lundeen**

Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is He the best of several ways; He is the only way. — **A. W. Tozer**

I want the love that cannot help but love; Loving, like God, for the very sake of love.

— **A. B. Simpson**

What's your...

Deciding to follow Jesus is more than just trying to live a better life. It's about Jesus, relying on His presence with us, and becoming more like Him each day. If your heart is changed your outward actions and ambitions will follow. God is now with you and in you. You are a new person. Here are a few things you can do to get started In the right direction...

1. *Tell someone close to you that you've decided to follow Jesus.*

Worship Christ as Lord of your life, and if someone asks you about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

1 Peter 3:15-16

NEXT STEP?

2. *Spend quality time with Jesus.*

You'll get to know Jesus when you read the Bible and talk to Him in prayer.

If you need a Bible or a New Testament, please ask us for one. In the back of this book you will find a 31-day Bible Reading Guide to get you started.

3. *Get Baptized.*

Though some traditions practice the act of baptism differently, the Bible's examples show that people were old enough to come to a choice of faith. From here, believers made their faith known publicly by being totally immersed in water.



- 1 Come every Sunday
- 2 Be part of a group
- 3 Serve on a team

We believe there are three primary steps you can now take to grow in your walk of faith:



1. **Find a Bible believing church and attend every week.** As you worship God in this way, you will experience grace from Him and others as you learn more about His Word.



2. **Be part of a small group, Bible study, or a few trusted Christian friends and regularly meet with them.** Doing life together in this way will help you grow in love with God and others.



3. **Find a way to serve others in your church or another area.** Giving of yourself to God and others is a great way to live out your new commitment in a way that impacts others.

31 DAY JOURNEY

Day 1:

Luke 1

Preparing for Jesus

Day 2:

Luke 2

The story of Jesus' birth

Day 3:

Mark 1

Jesus' ministry begins

Day 4:

Mark 9

A day in the life of Jesus

Day 5:

Matthew 5

Sermon on the Mount

Day 6:

Matthew 6

Sermon on the Mount

Day 7:

Matthew 7

Sermon on the Mount

Day 8:

Luke 15

Parables (stories) of Jesus

Day 9:

John 3

A Conversation with Jesus

Day 10:

John 10

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Day 11:

John 14

Jesus teaches His friends

Day 12:

John 15

Jesus teaches His friends

Day 13:

John 16

Jesus tells about the Holy Spirit

Day 14:

Matthew 26

Jesus is arrested

Day 15:

Matthew 27

Jesus is executed on the cross

Day 16:

John 20

Jesus is alive

Day 17:

Luke 24

Jesus appears to His friends again

Day 18:

Romans 3

The Gospel begins with bad news

Day 19:

Romans 5

The Gospel itself is Good News

Day 20:

Romans 7

Struggle with sin

Day 21:

Romans 8

Life with the Spirit

Day 22:

Romans 12

Living with purpose

Day 23:

Ephesians 2:1-10

God's grace

Day 24:

Ephesians 4

Unity in Jesus

Day 25:

Ephesians 5

Living like Jesus

Day 26:

Philippians 2

(Being like Jesus)

Day 27:

Philippians 3

Maintaining passion for Jesus

Day 28:

Philippians 4

Finding Jesus' strength

Day 29:

Galatians 5

Empowered by the Spirit

Day 30:

Colossians 3

Becoming the new you

Day 31:

2 Timothy 2

Helping others become like Jesus



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